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**ORANGE COUNTY  
NEEDS JOBS**

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**THE FACES OF THE ECONOMY**

**41,400  
JOBS LOST**  
IN ORANGE COUNTY  
LAST YEAR

**9.3%  
UNEMPLOYMENT**  
RATE IN CALIFORNIA  
LAST YEAR

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**ORANGE COUNTY, CA  
Ready to Work**  
BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

**Help Create Jobs Now  
Send a letter to Congress**

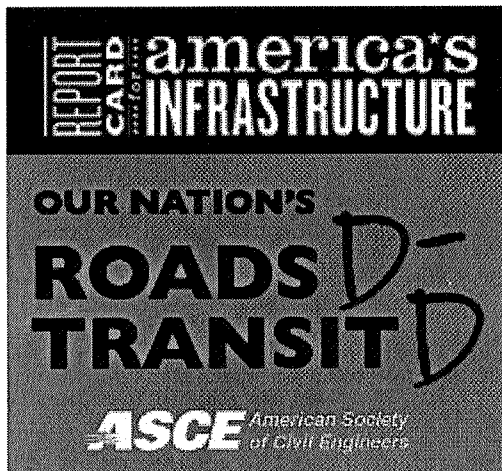
Increasing Job Losses in Orange County

Last year, employers in Orange County cut 41,400 jobs — the worst employment conditions since 1991. California's unemployment rate jumped to 9.3 percent with the construction sector accounting for most of the job losses with 92,600 workers losing their jobs last year.

### U.S. House Passes \$819-Billion Recovery Plan

Yesterday afternoon, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 — a comprehensive plan that was supposed to invest in transportation projects to help jump-start the economy.

However, **only 5 percent of the plan** is allocated for transportation. As the Senate debates the recovery plan Monday, we urgently need your support to ensure that Orange County receives its fair share of federal dollars. Transportation projects provide the best opportunity to provide significant numbers of jobs for Americans and help get our economy back on track.



### Nation's Infrastructure Gets Failing Grade

Today, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave America's roads a terrible grade of "D-" with transit receiving a "D" grade. The study said that significantly more needs to be done to repair our nation's deteriorating roads and improve our transit system. The report card also calls on the federal government to lead the way in improving infrastructure — leadership that can begin with needed investment in Orange County.

### Orange County is Prepared to Start on Our Shovel-Ready Projects

Orange County joins the entire nation in rolling up our sleeves to help turn around the economy. We have shovel-ready transportation projects that qualify for the economic stimulus package's No. 1 priority — creating jobs.

### You Can Make A Difference Right Now



Send a letter to Congress. It will take less than five minutes of your time, but will make a difference in delivering lasting transportation solutions for you and the rest of Orange County. Share your comments and forward this information to your associates, friends, family and others who care about protecting and creating jobs.




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### Orange County California is ready to work to keep America moving forward.

Please use our automated system to generate a letter of support for transportation projects in Orange County to be included in the national economic recovery package. We will share your letter with state and federal officials. **Your voice will make a difference!**

#### Who would you like to send this letter to?

- ☒ All State and Federal Elected Officials Representing Orange County
- ☐ Federal Senate and House of Representatives Representing Orange County

#### Senators

Barbara Boxer  
Dianne Feinstein

#### Representatives

Ken Calvert  
John Campbell  
Gary Miller  
Dana Rohrabacher  
Ed Royce  
Loretta Sanchez

- ☒ California State Senate and Assembly Members Representing Orange County

#### Senators

Lou Correa  
Tom Harman  
Bob Huff  
Mimi Walters  
Mark Wyland

#### Assembly Members

Chuck DeVore  
Michael Duvall  
Curt Hagman  
Diana Harkey  
Tony Mendoza  
Jeff Miller  
Jim Silva  
Jose Solorio  
Van Tran

Date:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Construction of new transportation infrastructure will be a key element of America's economic recovery plan. I join many others in supporting transportation projects in Orange County, California that could create **much-needed jobs in the next two years.**

**Please include a personal sentence with your concerns for the economy and your desire for a brighter future.**

#### Examples:

- I have recently lost my job or have a friend or family member who lost a job because of the weak economy. We're ready to get back to work and these transportation projects will help provide a much-needed boost to the economy.*
- Orange County needs our fair share of tax dollars reinvested in our transportation projects. As a community, my family pays taxes and we deserve to be part the economic stimulus package that will rebuild Orange County and California.*
- With economic recovery funds from Washington, D.C, we have solutions here in Orange County in the form of infrastructure projects that will deliver much-needed transportation solutions, create tens of thousands of jobs and improve our economic conditions so businesses may thrive.*



Here in Orange County, we have ready-to-go transportation projects consistent with the economic recovery package. Orange County is ready to start widening freeways and roads, building bridges, repairing roads, enhancing buses and trains, and improving other public works projects to immediately create jobs for Californians and help turn around America's economy.

OCTA also is strongly advocating that transit operating funds be part of the economic recovery program.

In addition to more jobs for construction trades, engineers, material manufacturers, these projects also directly help other industries. I want to thank you for your support and prompt action to ensure that this critical economic recovery package will help Orange County as well as move California and America forward.

Sincerely,

Your Name:

Your Job Title:

Your Organization:

Email Address:

Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

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